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NOTIFICATION

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No.PLA.440/2015/102/ECF-72687:- In exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, the Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute a One Man Inquiry Commission headed by **Justice (Retd.) B K Sharma**, retired Judge of Gauhati High Court, Guwahati to inquire into the allegations of anomalies and malpractices in conduct of examinations by Assam Public Service Commission (APSC).

The terms of reference of the Commission of Inquiry shall be as follows:-

- 1) To inquire into the allegations of anomalies and malpractices in conduct of Civil Services Preliminary and Main Examinations the result of which was declared on 12th May, 2015;
- 2) To inquire into the entire process of selection of the candidates and role of Chairman and other Members of Assam Public Service Commission therein;
- 3) To inquire into the system followed by Assam Public Service Commission for setting of questions for conducting various examinations including the qualifications, integrity and competency of the question setters and whether the question setters are properly trained and briefed by the Commission; to enquire further whether the Assam Public Service Commission prepares panel of question setters and the modalities for selection of question setters. To suggest improvement in mode of selection and preparation of the panel of dedicated question setters;
- 4) To inquire into the modalities adopted by the Assam Public Service Commission for moderation of questions set for various written examinations, whether clear distinction and demarcation is there between question

setters and moderators. Incidents in the past where due to ambiguity in answer keys corrective measures had to be taken by the commission, to ascertain the fault on the part of question setters and ways to eradicate any future possibilities of such situations;

- 5) To inquire and study the system followed by the Commission for holding the viva- voce/interview of the candidates , marking pattern under the existing rules and whether proper transparency is maintained during the viva –voce/interview of the candidates;
- 6) To study the SOP for entry in strong rooms, access to stocked answer scripts and to ascertain whether there is need for amendments in such SOPs to eradicate any scope for doubts;
- 7) Ascertaining the above facts, to suggest measures for elimination of anomalies and all kinds of malpractices in conduct of examinations by APSC and thereby paving the way for selection of genuine candidates by the Commission and recommendations for framing new rules to be followed by the Commission in future for conducting examinations for recruitment in Government jobs;

The Commission will submit its report within 06 (six) months from the date of issue of this Notification.

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